GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Kadapa – Final (stage-II) approval accorded

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ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.12 **Dated.24.03.2022**

Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15027/12/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.26.12.2019.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.4264/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.30.01.2020.
3)From the GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.4-APB102/2020-CHN/0289, dt.25.02.2020.
4)From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15027/12/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.05.03.2020.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.4264/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.28.05.2020.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.4-APB102/2020-CHN/540, dt.07.07.2020.
7)State Govt.Lr.No.4264/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.06.10.2020.
8)From the GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.F.No.4-APB102/2020-Vij/1, dt.07.12.2020.
9)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15027/12/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt.30.01.2022.
10)State Govt.Lr.No.4264/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.15.02.2022.
11)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.4-APB102/2020-CHN/63, dt.21.02.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Kadapa and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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3. In the letter 8th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein. Accordingly, in the letter 10th read above, State Government furnished compliance report on the Stage-I conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, and requested to accord Final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal.

4. In the letter 11th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Kadapa, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

5. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.04 ha (0.02 ha in Kadapa Division and 0.02 ha in Proddatur WL Division) of forest land for erection of obstacle light mast for aviation purpose at Kadapa Airport in favour of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

iii. Ten times the trees to be felled under the project shall be planted and maintained as compensatory afforestation by the Forest Department in the identified degraded forest land in Compt No 567 Kanumolopalli Extn A RF, Kanumolopalli Beat of Kadapa Range and over 0.25 ha in Compt No 76 of Chennamukapalli RF, Bayanapalli Beat of Proddatur Range from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;

iv. Identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;

v. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due alter finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert

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Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

vi. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;

vii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

viii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;

ix. **All conditions recommended by the SC-NBWL shall be complied with by the User Agency & Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;**

x. Materials to be used for construction purpose should be brought from outsides the forest area;

xi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;

xii. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of User Agency;

xiii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.04 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;

xv. Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

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xvi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Rules and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, in this regard.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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